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For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF FOOD ADDITIVE COMPOSITION AND FOOD COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME**

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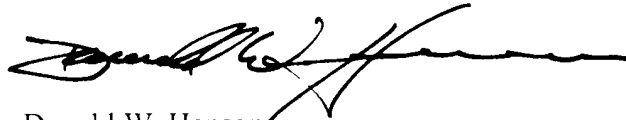
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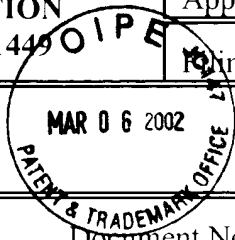
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